

## EARL RUSSELL IS WINNER.

**LADY SCOTT AND THE OTHER DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY.**

They Said That Under the Court's Ruling They Could Not Sustain Their Defence—The Announcement Makes a Reversal of the Verdict of the Jury.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The spectators who crowded the Old Bailey court room this morning to watch the proceedings of the action for criminal libel brought by Earl Russell against Lady Scott, his mother-in-law, John Cockerton, and the Western Mail, were treated to a genuine surprise. Immediately after the court was called to order Solicitor Walton announced to the Court that, under the advice of counsel, the defendants withdrew their plea of justification in uttering the libels complained of by Earl Russell. The Court then adjourned for an hour, and the announcement created a profound sensation.

When Mr. Walton had ceased speaking the Judge announced that a recess would be taken, and the prisoners were removed from the room and the court cleared. When libelising was resumed the prisoners were brought in. Lady Scott was in a highly excited condition, but Aylott and Cockerton maintained an air of unconcern.

Mr. Walton addressed the Court, saying that the evidence was all in favour of the defendants, who had left herself entirely in his hands. In his lordship, the Judge, had ruled that Kest, who died in Holloway jail on Dec. 11 was the principal witness in the case of the defence as well as a defendant, he said, the plea of justification was untenable, and the Court had rendered a formal verdict of guilty in the case of each of the defendants, and the Court announced that sentences would be imposed upon them to-morrow.

The case is a sequel of the difficulties which have arisen between Earl Russell and his wife for a number of years. In 1891 Countess Russell, formerly Miss Isabel Scott, daughter of the late Viscountess Russell, had been married to the Earl, and in 1892 she had obtained a divorce, and in her complaint had accus-

tion against him of a most shocking character, accusing him not only of cruelty, but of crimes of a revolting nature. Countess Russell was not successful in proving her charges, her suit amounted to nothing, and she was consequently condemned to pay the costs of the action, amounting to £100.

Earl Russell then secured a judicial separation from his wife, but about two years ago the Countess died, leaving him sole possessor of all her rights and was again followed by death.

This suit was followed by an action brought by Mr. H. C. Russell, of Bath College, and one of Earl Russell's Oxford friends, against the Countess's executors, Messrs. Glyn, Colvill and Co., who had been appointed trustees, in having testified in the divorce action that certain immoral relations had existed between Earl Russell and his late wife. The result of the suit was that Roberts secured a verdict for £5,000.

Earl Russell was arrested on Oct. 10 last upon a charge of criminal libel brought by Earl Russell, Sir H. St. John, Bart., of Bath College, and Frederick Kart, a groom. William Aylott was charged as co-defendant, and he also was arrested. Later, however, he returned and surrendered himself for trial. The acts which the defendants had committed were that they were said to have been committed on board the steamer "Lancaster," Captain Courtion, Kart, and Aylott were employed.

On Nov. 30 Kart was taken ill with pneumonia, and died at the age of thirty-one years. Earl Scott having in the meantime been ill also, the Countess's husband was adjourned when Earl Russell and his wife remained on ship.

**RUSSELL'S SUCCESSOR.**

The Liberal Peers Will Meet on Jan. 18 to Choose the Party Leader.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The Daily News says that the Liberal peers will meet on Jan. 18 to elect a leader of the party in the House of Lords in place of Lord Salisbury, who has recently resigned the position of leader.

**MISS COLLINS MARRIED.**

The Ward of Dr. Channing Mc Dopus Paris Count Czaykowski in Paris.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—The marriage of Miss Edith Lyman Collins of New York to Reichid Bey (Count Czaykowski), an attaché of the Turkish Embassy at Rome, took place in this city at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the Church of St. Germain l'Auxerrois, near the Louvre.

The porch and main aisle of the church were covered with carpet, and the edifice was filled by a large and fashionable company. The interior of the church was profusely decorated with flowers and palms, and the bride walked to the altar upon the arm of her father, Mr. Clarence L. Collins of New York.

Miss Collins wore a white satin robe with a train three yards in length adorned with Eri's hair, point lace on the front of the skirt, flounces, train, and corsage. Three bouquets of orange blossoms were carried by her, one in each hand, and the bride carried another bouquet of orange blossoms in her hand. Her veil was of a rich English point lace of the rose cluster pattern, and she wore a diamond tiara, and a tiny Miss, a niece of Mrs. Collins, the bride's mother, the little one wearing a director's cap.

The bridegroom followed the bride to the altar and was accompanied by his mother, who was a great favorite with the guests, who were followed by Mrs. Collins, mother of the bride.

The services were conducted by the Abbé De Bron, assisted by five priests. The bride, being a Protestant, was married by the Abbé De Bron church by virtue of a Papal dispensation. For the same reason the benediction usually given by the priest was omitted.

A full choral service was performed under the direction of the choir, and solos were sung to the accompaniment of the great organ by M. René Leclerc, M. Thibault.

Among those present were: General and Mrs. Winslow, Miss Fanny Reed, the Comtesse de Prot, Countess de Montigny, Countess de Rehnitz, von Schlesinger, Mr. and Mrs. Schlesinger, Mrs. von Schlesinger, Mr. and Mrs. Schellman, Mme. Speranza, Frank Holman, Charles Holman, Black, Miss Helen Stanley, Mrs. Newberry, and others.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bridegroom's father, Mr. J. S. Ewing, at the Hotel de la Boulogne. A civil marriage ceremony was performed by the Mayor, and the guests were being Major-Gen. Webber and Mr. J. S. Ewing, United States Minister to Belgium. The bridegroom was accompanied to the altar by his father, Ambassador to France, and Baron Oppenheim. Miss Collins is the ward of Dr. Chauncey M. Dewey of New York.

**Specters Are Good—The Irish Claims.**  
LONDON, Jan. 7.—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, addressed his constituents at Bristol to-night. He said that the prosperity of the country in 1896 even exceeded that of the year 1895, and that the number of the imports showing an increase of 235,000,000, while the exports increased in value 214,000,000. He had reason to anticipate a fair revenue, and declared that the surplus would be beyond what was required for the ordinary needs of the Government.  
He forewarned that Ireland would be a powerful voice in the coming year, and he intended to discuss the difficult question of the financial relations between that country and Great Britain. He said that the Government did not wonder that the Irish, in face of the report of the Financial Commission, were demanding compensation for the loss of the 1890-91 year, which required to be approached with a more judicial mind, and which was further apart from sentiment than the report of the Commission.  
Sir Michael deprecated the unworthy charges that had been made against the Government by the payers. The whole matter was one for reason and argument. He regretted that the Irishman had been misled by the reports of the Commission, and had overlooked five different reports therein, qualifying the same, besides the fact that the Government was not bound to deal with what justice in the United Kingdom, but to Ireland or King and alone.

**The Ship Ulicia Ashore.**  
LONDON, Jan. 7.—The British ship Ulicia, Capt. Johnston, which arrived at Queenstown on Jan. 4 from San Francisco, was wrecked on the coast of Ireland. Her crew of 12 men, northeast coast of Ireland. Her crew were saved.

The Ulicia was a four-masted ship of 1,233 tons register. She was built at Glasgow in 1864, and was owned by W. Leithian.

**The Furthest Humber's Little Mishap.**  
LONDON, Jan. 7.—The London agents of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company have no details of the grounding of the company's ship, the Humber, which was wrecked on the River Humber while outward bound yesterday beyond a despatch saying she was not seriously hurt, and that the crew expected she would be floated at high water.

**Reducing Ireland's Police Force.**  
LONDON, Jan. 7.—The *Irish News* says it is reported that the Irish constabulary will be reduced by 2,000 men, which will result in the force being reduced to 15,000.